

**Problem 1)** a)  $N$  is the number of oscillating electrons per unit volume; its SI units are  $[1/\text{m}^3]$ .  
 $q$  is the effective charge of the oscillating particle (typically an electron); its units are [coulomb].  
 $\varepsilon_0$  is the permittivity of free space; its units are [farad/m].

$m$  is the effective mass of the oscillating particle (typically an electron); its units are [kg].

$\alpha$  is the spring constant. The model assumes that a spring connects the oscillating particle to the atomic/molecular nucleus (or the underlying lattice).  $\alpha$  is the proportionality coefficient between the restoring force acting on the particle and the particle's displacement from equilibrium. The SI units of  $\alpha$  are [newton/m].

$\beta$ , the friction coefficient, is the proportionality constant relating the overall frictional force acting on the oscillating particle to the particle's instantaneous velocity. The SI units of  $\beta$  are [newton · sec/m].

The plasma frequency  $\omega_p$ , the resonance frequency  $\omega_0$ , and the damping coefficient  $\gamma$ , all have the units of frequency, namely, [1/sec]. This should be clear from the way these parameters appear in the mathematical expression of  $\chi_e(\omega)$ .

b) Conduction electrons differ from bound electrons in that they are *not* connected to a nucleus (or to an underlying lattice) by a fictitious spring that would apply a restoring force to the electron. Therefore, for a conduction electron, the spring constant  $\alpha$  is essentially zero, which makes the resonance frequency  $\omega_0$  equal to zero as well.

The Clausius-Mossotti correction is intended to remove the contribution of the local electric field  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})e^{-i\omega t}$  to the restoring force that acts on the oscillating particle — i.e., that part of the local  $E$ -field that is considered to be the self-field. This is because the Lorentz oscillator model incorporates an overall restoring force by allowing for a spring, whose spring constant is  $\alpha$ . However, for conduction electrons, no such spring has been assumed and, therefore, there is no chance of double-counting the restoring force. Consequently, the Drude model of the conduction electron (i.e., the Lorentz oscillator model in which  $\omega_0$  is set to zero) has no need for correction.

c) Given  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \varepsilon_0 \chi_e(\omega) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\omega t}$ , the electric current density will be

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \partial \mathbf{P} / \partial t = -i\omega \varepsilon_0 \chi_e(\omega) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\omega t} \quad \rightarrow \quad \sigma(\omega) = -i\omega \varepsilon_0 \chi_e(\omega).$$

In the Drude model, we have  $\omega_0 = 0$ . Consequently,  $\chi_e(\omega) = -\omega_p^2 / (\omega^2 + i\gamma\omega)$ , which leads to

$$\sigma(\omega) = i\varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 / (\omega + i\gamma) = (Nq^2/m) / (\gamma - i\omega).$$

One can readily verify that the units of  $\sigma(\omega)$  are [ampere/(volt · m)], i.e., the units of the current-density [ampere/m<sup>2</sup>] divided by those of the electric field [volt/m]. The electrical conductivity  $\sigma(\omega)$  is related to electric resistance, whose units are [volt/ampere] or ohm [ $\Omega$ ]. Thus, the units of  $\sigma(\omega)$  may also be described as [1/( $\Omega \cdot \text{m}$ )].

**Problem 2)** a) Considering that  $c_2^* = c_2' - ic_2''$ , the real part of  $c_2$  can be written as  $\frac{1}{2}(c_2 + c_2^*)$ . Therefore,  $\text{Re}(c_1)\text{Re}(c_2) = \text{Re}[c_1 \text{Re}(c_2)] = \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}[c_1(c_2 + c_2^*)]$ .

b) 
$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{S}} &= \text{Re}(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) = \text{Re}[(\mathbf{E}' + i\mathbf{E}'') \times (\mathbf{H}' + i\mathbf{H}'')] \\ &= \text{Re}[(\mathbf{E}' \times \mathbf{H}' - \mathbf{E}'' \times \mathbf{H}'') + i(\mathbf{E}' \times \mathbf{H}'' + \mathbf{E}'' \times \mathbf{H}')] = \mathbf{E}' \times \mathbf{H}' - \mathbf{E}'' \times \mathbf{H}'' . \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Clearly,  $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}$  differs from  $\mathbf{S} = \text{Re}(\mathbf{E}) \times \text{Re}(\mathbf{H}) = \mathbf{E}' \times \mathbf{H}'$ , because an additional term,  $\mathbf{E}'' \times \mathbf{H}''$ , appears in the above expression of  $\tilde{\mathbf{S}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } \quad \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \text{Re}(\mathbf{E}) \times \text{Re}(\mathbf{H}) = \text{Re}(\mathbf{E}) \times \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{H}^*) = \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}[\mathbf{E} \times (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{H}^*)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*) = \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}) + \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}^*). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } \quad \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}[\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})e^{-i\omega t} \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r})e^{-i\omega t}] + \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}[\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r})e^{-i\omega t} \times \mathbf{H}^*(\mathbf{r})e^{+i\omega t}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}[\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r})(\cos 2\omega t - i \sin 2\omega t)] + \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}[\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}^*(\mathbf{r})] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}[\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r})] \cos(2\omega t) + \frac{1}{2}\text{Im}[\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r})] \sin(2\omega t) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}[\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}^*(\mathbf{r})]. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e) } \quad \langle \cos(2\omega_0 t) \rangle &= T^{-1} \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} \cos(2\omega_0 t) dt = (2\omega_0 T)^{-1} \sin(2\omega_0 t) \Big|_{t=t_0}^{t_0+T} \\ &= (2\omega_0 T)^{-1} [\sin(2\omega_0 t_0 + 2\pi) - \sin(2\omega_0 t_0)] = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

A similar calculation shows that  $\langle \sin(2\omega_0 t) \rangle = 0$ . Substitution into Eq.(3) now yields

$$\langle \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}[\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{H}^*(\mathbf{r})]. \quad (5)$$

**Problem 3)** a) From the generalized Snell's law, we have  $\omega^{(i)} = \omega^{(r)} = \omega^{(t)} = \omega$ ,  $k_x^{(i)} = k_x^{(r)} = k_x^{(t)} = k_x$  and  $k_y^{(i)} = k_y^{(r)} = k_y^{(t)} = k_y$ . Since the plane of incidence is chosen to be the  $xz$ -plane, we have  $k_y = 0$ . Since the incident plane-wave is said to be homogeneous, the dispersion relation yields  $|\mathbf{k}^{(i)}| = n_0\omega/c$  and, therefore,  $k_x = (n_0\omega/c) \sin \theta$ . Since the incident plane-wave is downward propagating, we have  $k_z^{(i)} = -(n_0\omega/c) \cos \theta$ . Similar arguments can be used to obtain the expressions of  $k_z^{(r)}$  and  $k_z^{(t)}$ . Consequently,

$$\mathbf{k}^{(i)} = (n_0\omega/c)(\sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}), \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{k}^{(r)} = (n_0\omega/c)(\sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}), \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{k}^{(t)} = (n_0\omega/c)(\sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta} \hat{\mathbf{z}}). \quad (3)$$

The incident  $E$ -field is written as  $\mathbf{E}^{(i)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = (E_{0x}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + E_{0z}^{(i)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \exp[i(\mathbf{k}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)]$ . Maxwell's 1<sup>st</sup> equation now relates the  $z$ -component of the  $E$ -field to its  $x$ -component, as follows:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}^{(i)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{k}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{E}_0^{(i)} = 0 \rightarrow k_x E_{0x}^{(i)} + k_z^{(i)} E_{0z}^{(i)} = 0 \rightarrow E_{0z}^{(i)} = (\tan \theta) E_{0x}^{(i)}. \quad (4)$$

Similar expressions are found for  $E_{0z}^{(r)}$  and  $E_{0z}^{(t)}$ ; that is,

$$k_x E_{0x}^{(r)} + k_z^{(r)} E_{0z}^{(r)} = 0 \rightarrow E_{0z}^{(r)} = -(\tan \theta) E_{0x}^{(r)}, \quad (5)$$

$$k_x E_{0x}^{(t)} + k_z^{(t)} E_{0z}^{(t)} = 0 \rightarrow E_{0z}^{(t)} = \frac{(\sin \theta) E_{0x}^{(t)}}{\sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}}. \quad (6)$$

For each plane-wave, the magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  has only one component along the  $y$ -axis. This component can be found from Maxwell's 3<sup>rd</sup> equation, as follows:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\partial \mathbf{B} / \partial t \rightarrow (k_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + k_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}) \times (E_{0x} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + E_{0z} \hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \mu_0 \omega \mathbf{H}_0 \rightarrow H_{0y} = (\mu_0 \omega)^{-1} (k_z E_{0x} - k_x E_{0z}). \quad (7)$$

The general expression for a  $p$ -polarized plane-wave's  $H$ -field is  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}, t) = H_{0y} \hat{\mathbf{y}} e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)}$ . The various  $H_{0y}$  are found from Eq.(7) with the aid of Eqs.(1), (2), (3), (5), (6) to be

$$H_{0y}^{(i)} = (\mu_0 \omega)^{-1} [-(n_0 \omega/c) \cos \theta - (n_0 \omega/c) \sin \theta \tan \theta] E_{0x}^{(i)} = -\frac{n_0 E_{0x}^{(i)}}{Z_0 \cos \theta}, \quad (8)$$

$$H_{0y}^{(r)} = (\mu_0 \omega)^{-1} [(n_0 \omega/c) \cos \theta + (n_0 \omega/c) \sin \theta \tan \theta] E_{0x}^{(r)} = \frac{n_0 E_{0x}^{(r)}}{Z_0 \cos \theta}, \quad (9)$$

$$H_{0y}^{(t)} = (\mu_0 \omega)^{-1} \left[ -(n_0 \omega/c) \sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta} - \frac{(n_0 \omega/c) \sin^2 \theta}{\sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}} \right] E_{0x}^{(t)} = -\frac{(n_1^2/n_0) E_{0x}^{(t)}}{Z_0 \sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}}. \quad (10)$$

b) At the interfacial  $xy$ -plane separating the incidence and transmittance media, the tangential component  $E_x$  of the  $E$ -field must be continuous, and so does the tangential component  $H_y$  of the  $H$ -field. Recalling that  $\rho_p = E_{0x}^{(r)}/E_{0x}^{(i)}$  and  $\tau_p = E_{0x}^{(t)}/E_{0x}^{(i)}$ , we write

$$\text{Continuity of } \mathbf{E}_{\parallel}: \quad E_{0x}^{(i)} + E_{0x}^{(r)} = E_{0x}^{(t)} \quad \rightarrow \quad 1 + \rho_p = \tau_p. \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Continuity of } \mathbf{H}_{\parallel}: \quad H_{0y}^{(i)} + H_{0y}^{(r)} = H_{0y}^{(t)} &\rightarrow -\frac{n_0 E_{0x}^{(i)}}{Z_0 \cos \theta} + \frac{n_0 E_{0x}^{(r)}}{Z_0 \cos \theta} = -\frac{(n_1^2/n_0) E_{0x}^{(t)}}{Z_0 \sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}} \\ &\rightarrow 1 - \rho_p = \frac{(n_1/n_0)^2 \cos \theta}{\sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}} \tau_p. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

c) Considering that  $n^2(\omega) = \mu(\omega)\epsilon(\omega) = 1 + \chi_e(\omega)$ , the material polarization within the transmittance medium should be written as

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \epsilon_0 \chi_e(\omega) \mathbf{E}_0^{(t)} \exp[i(\mathbf{k}^{(t)} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)] = \epsilon_0 [n_1^2(\omega) - 1] (E_{0x}^{(t)} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + E_{0z}^{(t)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}) e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)} e^{ik_z^{(t)} z}. \quad (13)$$

The bound electric charge-density  $\rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{P}_0 e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)}$  vanishes everywhere within the transmittance medium, simply because  $\mathbf{k}^{(t)} \cdot \mathbf{E}_0^{(t)} = 0$  (in accordance with Maxwell's 1<sup>st</sup> equation). As for the bound electric current-density, we will have

$$\mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \partial \mathbf{P} / \partial t = -i\omega \epsilon_0 (n_1^2 - 1) (E_{0x}^{(t)} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + E_{0z}^{(t)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}) e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)} e^{ik_z^{(t)} z}. \quad (14)$$

The above expression can be further streamlined by substituting for  $k_x$  and  $k_z^{(t)}$  from Eq.(3), and for  $E_{0z}^{(t)}$  from Eq.(6).

**Digression.** If the imaginary part of  $n_1$  is taken to be positive, the imaginary part of  $k_z^{(t)}$  will turn out to be negative. The integral of the bound current-density  $\mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}$  over the infinite depth of the transmittance medium can then be evaluated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{z=-\infty}^0 \mathbf{J}_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r}, t) dz &= -\epsilon_0 (\omega/k_z^{(t)}) (n_1^2 - 1) (E_{0x}^{(t)} \hat{\mathbf{x}} + E_{0z}^{(t)} \hat{\mathbf{z}}) e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)} e^{ik_z^{(t)} z} \Big|_{z=-\infty}^0 \\ &= \frac{\epsilon_0 \omega (n_1^2 - 1) \tau_p}{(n_0 \omega/c) \sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}} \left[ \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{\sin \theta}{\sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}} \hat{\mathbf{z}} \right] E_{0x}^{(i)} e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Solving Eqs.(11) and (12) for  $\rho_p$  and  $\tau_p$ , we arrive at the Fresnel reflection and transmission coefficients for  $p$ -polarized light, as follows:

$$\rho_p = \frac{\sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta} - (n_1/n_0)^2 \cos \theta}{\sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta} + (n_1/n_0)^2 \cos \theta}, \quad (16)$$

$$\tau_p = \frac{2\sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}}{\sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta} + (n_1/n_0)^2 \cos \theta}. \quad (17)$$

In the limit when  $n_1 \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta} \rightarrow (n_1/n_0)$  and  $\tau_p \rightarrow 2n_0/(n_1 \cos \theta)$ . The integrated current density of Eq.(15) then approaches  $2n_0 E_{0x}^{(i)} \hat{x} e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)}/(Z_0 \cos \theta)$ . This can be interpreted as a surface-current-density  $\mathbf{J}_s(x, y, z = 0^-, t)$  residing within the skin-depth of a highly conductive (or absorptive) transmittance medium. In the same limit,  $\rho_p \rightarrow -1$ , resulting in the tangential  $H$ -field at the  $xy$ -plane immediately above the interface to approach  $H_{0y}^{(i)} + H_{0y}^{(r)} = -2n_0 E_{0x}^{(i)}/(Z_0 \cos \theta)$ . Immediately below the interfacial  $xy$ -plane at  $z = 0^-$ , we have, in the limit,

$$H_{0y}^{(t)} = -\frac{(n_1^2/n_0 Z_0) \tau_p E_{0x}^{(i)}}{\sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}} \rightarrow -2n_0 E_{0x}^{(i)}/(Z_0 \cos \theta). \quad (18)$$

Consequently, the tangential  $H$ -field at the interface remains continuous even in the limit when  $n_1 \rightarrow \infty$ . However, in this limit, the fields inside the transmittance medium decay exponentially rapidly toward zero, indicating that slightly below the skin-depth (which has now shrunk to nothingness) the  $H$ -field vanishes. The discontinuity of the tangential  $H$ -field across the skin-depth is thus seen to be equal in magnitude and perpendicular in direction to the aforementioned surface-current-density  $\mathbf{J}_s$ .

It is also worthwhile to examine the boundary condition associated with the perpendicular  $D$ -field across the interfacial plane. Given that  $\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon(\omega) \mathbf{E} = \varepsilon_0 n^2 \mathbf{E}$ , we will have

$$D_{\perp}(x, y, z = 0^+, t) = \varepsilon_0 n_0^2 (E_{0z}^{(i)} + E_{0z}^{(r)}) e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)} = \varepsilon_0 n_0^2 \tan \theta (1 - \rho_p) E_{0x}^{(i)} e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)}, \quad (19)$$

$$D_{\perp}(x, y, z = 0^-, t) = \varepsilon_0 n_1^2 E_{0z}^{(t)} e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)} = \frac{\varepsilon_0 n_1^2 (\sin \theta) \tau_p}{\sqrt{(n_1/n_0)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}} E_{0x}^{(i)} e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)}. \quad (20)$$

Substituting for  $\rho_p$  from Eq.(16) into Eq.(19), and for  $\tau_p$  from Eq.(17) into Eq.(20), it is now easy to confirm that indeed  $D_{\perp}$  remains continuous across the interfacial  $xy$ -plane.

The bound electric charge-density was shown in part (c) to vanish everywhere inside the transmittance medium. A similar argument can be made for the absence of  $\rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}$  inside the incidence medium. However, the bound surface-charge-density is not zero at the interface between the two media. The material polarization of the incidence medium is given by

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \varepsilon_0 (n_0^2 - 1) [(E_{0x}^{(i)} \hat{x} + E_{0z}^{(i)} \hat{z}) e^{-i(n_0 \omega/c) \cos \theta z} + (E_{0x}^{(r)} \hat{x} + E_{0z}^{(r)} \hat{z}) e^{i(n_0 \omega/c) \cos \theta z}] e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)} \text{step}(z). \quad (21)$$

The bound electric charge-density  $\rho_{\text{bound}}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  has an additional term arising from  $\partial \text{step}(z)/\partial z = \delta(z)$ , which gives rise to a surface-charge-density at  $z = 0^+$ , as follows:

$$\sigma_s(x, y, z = 0^+, t) = -\varepsilon_0 (n_0^2 - 1) (E_{0z}^{(i)} + E_{0z}^{(r)}) e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)}. \quad (22)$$

There is also a similar surface charge-density on the surface of the transmittance medium at  $z = 0^-$ , which is obtained from Eq.(13) as

$$\sigma_s(x, y, z = 0^-, t) = \varepsilon_0 (n_1^2 - 1) E_{0z}^{(t)} e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)}. \quad (23)$$

The total surface charge-density is the sum of Eqs.(22) and (23). The terms corresponding to the continuity of  $D_{\perp}$  add up to zero (see Eqs.(19) and (20)); what remains then is

$$\sigma_s(x, y, z = 0^+, t) + \sigma_s(x, y, z = 0^-, t) = \varepsilon_0 (E_{0z}^{(i)} + E_{0z}^{(r)} - E_{0z}^{(t)}) e^{i(k_x x - \omega t)}. \quad (24)$$

This equation reveals that the discontinuity of the perpendicular  $E$ -field at the interfacial  $xy$ -plane equals the (bound) surface-charge-density  $\sigma_s$  divided by  $\varepsilon_0$ , precisely as expected from the boundary condition associated with Maxwell's 1<sup>st</sup> equation.